

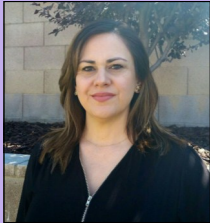
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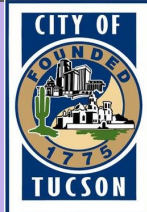
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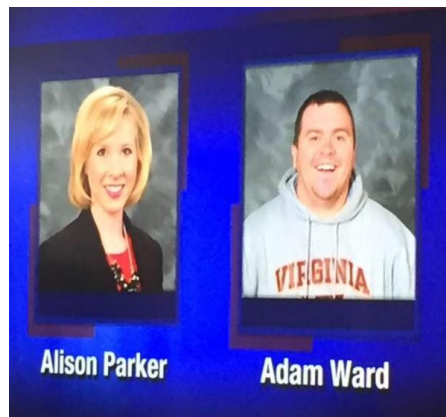
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Gun Violence

Last Friday was the one year anniversary of the murder of Alison Parker and Adam Ward. She was a news reporter, and he was the cameraman at a CBS affiliate in Roanoke, Va. They were conducting an interview when a former employee of the station came up and shot them both. He ended up shooting himself after a five hour manhunt.





Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned
Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood
Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental
Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care
Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector
Control
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve

GUN VIOLENCE Archive 2016

Total Number of Incidents 36,322

Number of Deaths¹ 9,309

Number of Injuries¹ 19,394

Number of Children (age 0-11)

Killed or Injured¹ 429

Number of Teens (age 12-17)

Killed or Injured¹ 2,001

Mass Shooting² 248

And not included in those numbers are the people caught in the crossfire last weekend in more Chicago shootings.

These individual incidents just fall in among the statistics. If they're allowed to become data, nothing will be done legislatively to help reduce the gun violence we see throughout the country.

These 'half-staff' reminders are simply a way of keeping the message alive.

Tucson Jobs Report

On a positive note, Tucson was ranked # 3 nationwide in job growth in a study of cities with a population of 500,000 or greater. Here's a table showing the Top 10:

Metros with Fastest Job Growth		
#	Metro	YoY job growth, July 2016
1	Ogden-Clearfield, UT	4.6%
2	Provo-Orem, UT	4.6%
3	Tucson, AZ	4.2%
4	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	4.1%
5	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	4.1%
6	Austin-Round Rock, TX	3.9%
7	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3.9%
8	Toledo, OH	3.9%
9	Boise City, ID	3.9%
10	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	3.7%
Among metro areas and divisions with 500,000 or more people; Jed Kolko analysis of BLS data		

As shown at the bottom of the table, this analysis was done using Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers. And the guy who performed the analysis is an economist whose focus is on

U.S. cities, so the conclusions can be trusted.

Overall, we're seeing continuing good news in local job growth. With the arrival of Caterpillar downtown, multiple ongoing high-rise construction projects in the downtown core, talk of expansion of that sort of work over on the west side of the freeway in the Mercado District, and plans for a hotel and some student housing around campus, the construction industry is finally feeling some relief. And at the conclusion of each of those projects, the result will be new, tax-producing assets for the community.

We've worked hard to pull out of the recession. The incentive package we now have in place is attractive to new private sector partners. The data shows the effort is paying off.

Broadway Development and Related Items

In the past couple of weeks, there has been a flurry of activity on and around Broadway. Some of it is the start of demolitions, and at the other end of the spectrum a proposed development for a significant site at Broadway and Park. Intermingled with that are some transit-related items such as proposed changes to bus fares and policies, plus a change in streetcar hours. I'm going to roll them all together in this opening section.



These are the remains of what was 1409 E. Broadway. It was demolished last Thursday. Joe Ferguson from the *Star* correctly quoted me as saying "Can the city be criticized for demolition by neglect. And can this whole property acquisition process be called flawed? Yes, and yes. But this isn't the property to plant your flag of preservation on. My concern is that by protesting every demolition, it will diminish the credibility of other, more defensible preservation arguments that are sure to be coming."

This structure was a public health and safety issue. The roof was caving in, walls were collapsing, it had mold and asbestos that needed abatement, and people were squatting inside. It needed to come down. That's not the currently relevant question. What's at issue are at least two things. First, how and why did it get to that condition, and what does this demolition suggest for the remainder of the Broadway project, and possibly other roadwork that's coming?

This table shows city owned properties along the Sunshine Mile portion of Broadway.

ADDRESS	USE AT PURCHASE	DATE ACQUIRED	CONDITION ASSESSMENT	Research Priority
1409 E.	residential	1/29/1999	Building unusable; unusable; significant structural repair required (\$\$ - roof has fallen in)	High
2249 E.	land	6/7/1999	Leased for parking	High
2121 E.	office/automotive	7/2/2001	Landscaped	High



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
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Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
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Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

ADDRESS	USE AT PURCHASE	DATE ACQUIRED	CONDITION ASSESSMENT	Research Priority
1601 E.	residential	11/16/2005	Building unusable; significant structural repair required (~\$130k)	High
15 N. Vine	residential	10/25/2006	Boarded/fenced; unusable; significant structural repair required (\$\$\$)	High
1901 E.	Auto-Alberts	12/23/2009	Boarded/fenced; unusable; significant structural repair required (~\$100k)	High
2419 E.	restaurant	5/11/2010	Vacant; rented for special events/ temporary vendors and/or parking lot	High
1221 E.	commercial	4/26/2011	Boarded/fenced; unusable; structural (roof) repair and environmental (mold) abatement required (\$)	High
2445 E.	commercial	1/4/1989	Leased/Occupied	Med.
1443 E.	commercial	10/25/2006	Requires improvements to be reused	Med.
2225 E.	commercial	2/23/2011	Vacant; usable, with T/s	Med.
1303 E.	residential	1/1/1990	Leased/Occupied	Low
2711 E.	residential	5/2/1990	Leased/Occupied	Low
22 N. Warren	residential	12/8/1998	Leased/Occupied	Low
10 N. Park	industrial/office	8/17/2001	Leased/Occupied	Low
930 E.	office/Auto - BV	10/2/2007	Occupied	Low
IEC Broadway/Park	land	4/12/2005	Occupied	Low
1035 E.	residential	7/22/2005	Occupied	Low
1611 E.	residential	8/4/2006	Leased/Occupied	Low

If you scan the Date Acquired column, you'll see that the city began buying up properties over 25 years ago. Some of them are currently leased, and many are vacant. Looking at the last column, you can see that some of the vacant ones are a mess. One would expect that they're also being considered for demolition, especially if they're impacted by the 30% alignment.

When the Citizen Task Force (CTF) was formed, I requested a halt on any further property acquisitions. You can see the purchase dates end in 2011. I was concerned that simply allowing further purchases along the corridor would send the message to the CTF that their work was not being seriously considered. Given the outcome, many believe that to have been the case anyway.

The "high priority" properties noted in the table are those most immediately impacted by the 30% design. They're of primary interest for some sort of disposition, depending on their condition. They might also be candidates to help remedy needs of adjacent property owners who are also impacted by the project.

The city is not in the business of property management. The condition of these properties validates that. The phrase “demolition by neglect” is tough to argue when you look at just this short section of roadway. That doesn’t sit well with people whose interests include historic preservation and maintaining this section of Broadway as a destination. The reaction to the demolition of 1409 demonstrated that ill-will. I think everyone involved in the 1409 protests saw the condition of the place and understood that it needed to come down, but how it got to that condition is what’s boiling now.

Getting this right is critical not only for this project, but others yet to come. In the 2017-2021 PAG TIP manual, there are \$23M allocated from various funding sources in 2017 for 22nd Street between I-10 and Tucson Blvd. The project is described as an expansion of that roadway to six lanes. No alignment has been identified yet, so early property acquisitions may assume a conclusion to the upcoming public process.

In my opinion, we still have not satisfactorily addressed how we will engage current property owners’ needs as they are affected by the Broadway alignment. Land use questions continue to be handled on a property-by-property basis. I’ve asked several times – as did the CTF – for some broader policy description than simply laying down the alignment, meeting with individual property owners, and making offers to purchase for those who wanted to vacate. Today I formally requested a September 20th study session item in which we will publicly talk about how that process will move forward in a way that will hopefully bring multiple property owners to the same table so they can explore remedies to loss of parking, loss of access, and other conditions caused by the expansion of the roadway – bring them together so the city can help to facilitate solutions. It won’t stop all further demolitions, but I’m hopeful that it may save some businesses, stop the block-busting that will otherwise occur, and perhaps serve as a template for future road projects. We’ll see.



This is an image of one of Landmark Properties’ student housing projects. They’ve made an initial presentation for a 900-bed student housing facility proposed for the NW corner of Park and Broadway. This is not a rendering of that proposal – but I found it interesting because it appears to show ground level retail, one element that the stakeholders who met with the developers suggested was a necessary component of the Park/Broadway project being considered.

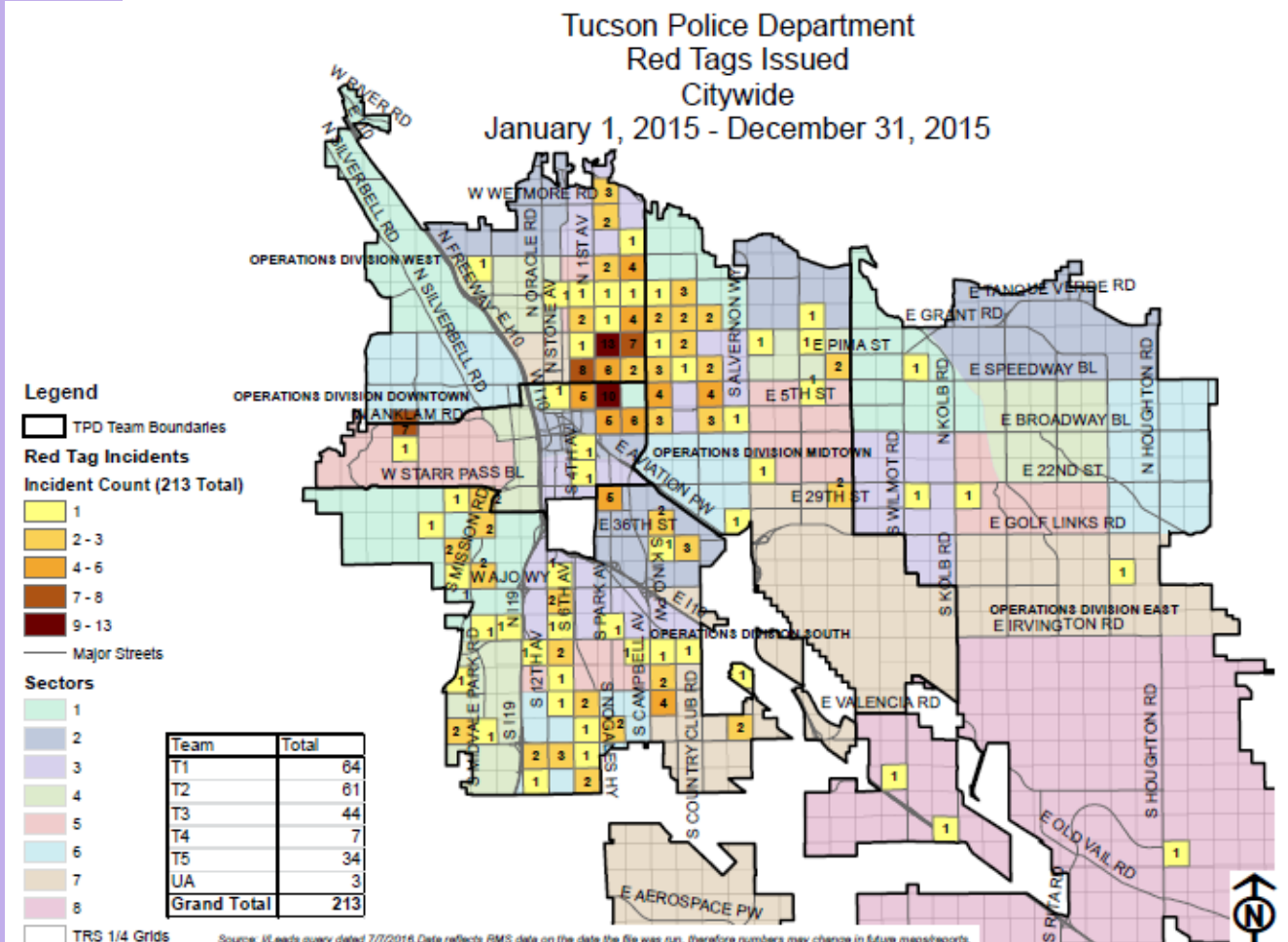
The one in the image is in Athens, Georgia. It’s about the same number of beds as the proposed for the Park/Broadway site. These aren’t for the low-income students who are struggling to pay for meals. Here’s how the project in Athens is described:

The Mark will provide students with an amenity package that includes a clubhouse, state-of-the-art fitness facilities, a golf simulator, a racquetball court, an indoor basketball court, tanning beds, a computer lab with private and group study rooms, and an Internet café. A rooftop resident center will feature a large fitness center overlooking a two-tiered rooftop

pool with cabanas, a Jumbotron, outdoor grilling areas and a stadium-view rooftop lounge. The top level will also feature a VIP floor with private rooftop patios and a select number of private hot tubs.

We don't know which, if any of those amenities are planned for Park/Broadway. During the presentation, stakeholders asked for several considerations. Those included the retail, saving the Green Dolphin building that is currently being proposed for demolition to make way for the student housing project, some product built into the project that attracts a demographic other than just students, disincentives for car parking, reduction in massing on the residential side of the property, traffic mitigation, and use of energy efficient design elements. The project team is going back to the drawing board to see which of those requests can be built into their project. From my perspective, the addition of 900 beds to this area, especially without any commercial amenity that brings value to the surrounding area, is not a good use of the Broadway frontage. This is the west end of the Sunshine Mile Broadway widening project. It's the front door to our downtown, but it's also the front door to Historic Rincon Heights neighborhood.

That "front door" component is important. In the past week, I've been directly involved with chasing down Red Tag and unruly gathering issues that have been occurring in that exact area. Look at this Red Tag map and you can see the Broadway/Euclid area is already being hit with lots of that sort of activity.



Adding 900 more beds to the immediate area is going to be a tough lift without some of the accommodations the surrounding neighbors have requested.

Transit

Tied in with the alignment and land use issues is how we're integrating multi-modal transportation into the design. In the April 19th successful motion to move forward with the 30% alignment design, this language appeared:

direct staff to proceed, and direct staff to refine the design and address the concerns about the bus pullouts, lane widths, cross widths, bike lanes, median and left turn lanes, through input from the property- and business-owners, suggestions from public workshops,

I've invited a review of that in my September 20th study session request if other council members wish to dig into whether and how progress is being made. Ahead of that though, on September 7th we'll be talking about bus fares. So far I'm aware of four different fare proposals. I'll listen to each. To frame those talks, though, I requested ridership data for the past couple of years. Here it is, month-by-month:

Month	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17
July	1,518,008	1,502,095	1,267,874
August	1,691,516	519,453	
September	1,750,880	798,770	
October	1,867,422	1,480,987	
November	1,606,303	1,396,870	
December	1,636,056	1,422,413	
January	1,610,794	1,408,043	
February	1,615,078	1,487,454	
March	1,673,847	1,493,539	
April	1,674,911	1,469,785	
May	1,544,343	1,433,586	
June	1,468,773	1,330,506	
Totals	19,657,931	15,743,501	1,267,874

It's important to note that the RTA has taken the position that on Broadway, we are not permitted to eliminate any bus pullouts unless we also eliminate that bus stop entirely. With ridership increases being our goal, I suspect there's no interest in removing bus stops along Broadway. The ridership numbers would not likely be helped if we made it less convenient to board a bus. Included in the 2017-2021 PAG report is \$1.5M in funding for bus pullouts in various locations around the region. In the case of this section of Broadway, the RTA rejected designating a "transit lane" on Day 1, so clearly the notion is that the newly-added lanes are for auto traffic. Thus, the bus pullouts. It's an ideological divide.

Another transit-related item is the initiation of our new transfer policy. That's system-wide, not just for Broadway. Beginning on September 1st, we're getting rid of paper transfer slips. In their place, you will be allowed an unrestricted two-hour transfer period going in any di-

rection if you use your SunGo card. Through September 2nd, we're distributing SunGo cards for free – to encourage participation and to reduce your cost for getting involved. You can get the cards from 6:00 am until 9:00 am, and from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm each weekday between now and the 2nd at the information booths located at all transit centers. The free card offer extends to September 30th if you get a new one at a ticket vending machine at load at least \$1 onto it during the transaction. You can use the cards on all Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and streetcar routes.

Streetcar Hours

And there's also an update on the streetcar. Earlier this year, as a part of the budget talks, we reduced the hours the streetcar would run. The decision was based on low ridership, and I supported the reductions. I still do, but the University has stepped up and taken on the burden of subsidizing the resumption of our previous schedule. As long as it's not hitting our General Fund, I'm fine letting them put money into those hours.

Here are the new hours, along with the frequency of the service:

Weekday Service/Servicio Entre Semana		
	Monday–Wednesday <i>Lunes–Miércoles</i> Frequency/Frecuencia	Thursday–Friday <i>Jueves–Viernes</i> Frequency/Frecuencia
7 AM - 9 AM	Every 15 Minutes/ <i>Cada 15 Minutos</i>	
9 AM - 6 PM	Every 10 Minutes/ <i>Cada 10 Minutos</i>	
6 PM - 10 PM*	Every 15 Minutes/ <i>Cada 15 Minutos</i>	
10 PM - 12 AM	No Service/ <i>Sin Servicio</i>	15 Min.
12 AM - 2 AM*	No Service/ <i>Sin Servicio</i>	30 Min.

Weekend Service/Servicio en Fin de Semana		
	Saturday/Sábado Frequency/Frecuencia	Sunday/Domingo Frequency/Frecuencia
8 AM - 10 AM	Every 30 Minutes/ <i>Cada 30 Minutos</i>	
10 AM - 6 PM	15 Min.	20 Min.
6 PM - 8 PM*	15 Min.	30 Min.
8 PM - 12 AM	15 Min.	No Service/ <i>Sin Servicio</i>
12 AM - 2 AM*	30 Min.	No Service/ <i>Sin Servicio</i>

With the UA fall semester having resumed and with increased demand from students who are back riding, we're giving the old schedule another look. One day tickets are \$4, and single rides are \$1.50. Kids five-years-old and under are free with a paying passenger.

www.sunlinkstreetcar.com

Final Streets Add

To close out this opening section in a sort of related way, I want to give a little recognition to our Tucson Clean & Beautiful (TCB) work. Largely, this work cannot be done without the volunteer help that thousands of you out in the community are providing. The chart at the top of the next page demonstrates how important you are to the success of the programs we run through TCB.

Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas Report Fiscal Year 2016

Public Sites	Number of Sites Adopted	Volunteers	Hours
Parks	106	2508	4454
Streets	82	2065	4771.9
Gateways	28	1243	2631.6
Traffic Circles	18	69	133
Washes	37	518	1071.5
Bike Trails/Walkways	8	218	612.5
One Time Cleanups	N/A	432	1352
Totals	279	7053	15026.5

If you want to get involved with this important community service, please reach out to the folks over at TCB. You can email adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov or find more information on their website: <https://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/adopt-a-park-public-areas/adopting-a-site/>.

The new TCB Director, Tom Ellis, is making his rounds to neighborhood association meetings. Now that we're back at it with the fall schedules, if you'd like us to help arrange to have him as a part of your neighborhood meeting, let us know and we'll be happy to rope him in.

Spice

Last week, I gave a rundown on the success of the DEA Spice raid that occurred here in Tucson, as well as in California and Colorado. I also mentioned that it's largely the additives the distributors are lacing into the Spice that's having the harmful impacts. Probably the most harmful – to the point of killing users – is Fentanyl. Given its strength, touching a few grains of the stuff can kill you.

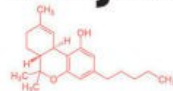
This chart shows how Fentanyl is taking over as a major cash generator for cartels. It's much easier to get across the border, and even in small quantities the return on investment is significantly greater than pot.

A kilogram is 2.2 pounds. Those dollars do not represent huge amounts of these drugs being produced and sold.

We have our study session agenda item on Spice coming on September 7th. In it, I hope to address three major factors related to the sale of the stuff. One is of course enforcement and how we provide TPD more effective tools with which to control its distribution. The second is how we engage both the health care community and law enforcement in a community education outreach. I've spoken in middle schools to parents about Spice, K2, and similar synthetics. There is widespread lack of awareness that kids have easy access to these drugs. And importantly, there's widespread lack of

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Marijuana



Production per kilogram

\$40

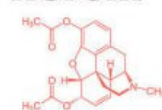
Wholesale per kilogram

\$1,600

U.S. street value

\$3,500

Heroin



Production per kilogram

\$4,000

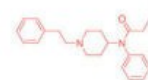
Wholesale per kilogram

\$50,000

U.S. street value

\$275,000

Fentanyl



Production per kilogram

\$4,500

Wholesale per kilogram

\$80,000

U.S. street value

\$1.3 million

Source: U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

awareness related to its harmful effects. Finally, I think we'll be doing a disservice to the people most affected by Spice if we don't also include a discussion about treatment opportunities we're providing to people who are using and addicted to these synthetic drugs. They're victims. We have in place some treatment modalities. Making sure that component of this issue is also a part of our efforts to cut down on the sale and distribution of the drugs is a part of what we need to consider.



Medical Marijuana



Many of the elements in Spice and synthetics are legal. That's a part of the problem we have in shutting down the distribution. Manufacturing a new additive that has similarly addictive, harmful, and hallucinogenic effects is something distributors easily do when the government identifies an existing element and places it on the "illegal" list. In the case of pot though, as most of you know the medical use of marijuana is legal in Arizona. But that comes with restrictions.

In the past couple of months, we've heard from time to time at our Calls to the Audience that users of medical pot have had some of their plants confiscated in raids. The same concern was raised during our Internal Affairs public meeting last week. In an effort to track down the truth about what's permitted and what's illegal, I reached out to the Arizona Department of Health Services for clarification. I'll just share the exchange as it occurred so you can see the entire context.

From: Steve Kozachik [mailto:Steve.Kozachik@tucsonaz.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016

To: Thomas Salow

Subject: Medical Marijuana

Mr. Salow;

I'm Steve Kozachik, Tucson City Council, Ward 6. The purpose of my note is to get your guidance on a question that has arisen numerous times recently about the proper definition of 'incidental' as it relates to growing marijuana by AMMA card holders.

As I read the statutes, card holders are allowed to cultivate 12 plants. But there seems to be a carve out for marijuana that is 'incidental' to the medical use, but that is not usable, as defined. That material seems to be exempt from being counted among the allowed 12 plants.

I guess the short question is what growing marijuana is considered incidental? Are any growing plants exempt from the dozen that are allowed for cultivation? The examples advocates have mentioned include seedlings, mother plants (not sure how one would identify that, but I'm no expert,) clones, breeding stock, grafting stock and seed stock. From my perspective - unfamiliar with the process - it seems law enforcement would have a tough time out in the field differentiating between a plant that's one of the 12 that's supposed to

be counted, and a plant the grower would point to and say it's 'seed stock', and therefore not one of the 12.

Can you help sort this out for me? My goal is to ensure our enforcement efforts are consistent with AZDHS guidelines, and ultimately that we're treating people fairly.

Thanks much - Steve Kozachik

The reply from Mr. Salow did absolutely nothing to clear up the issue. Here's his full reply.

Mr. Kozachik –

The advocates of the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA) expressly stated that a purpose of the Act was to protect people from criminal prosecution for using marijuana as allowed under the Act. Then, they did a very poor job of defining exactly what amounts and uses are protected. As a result, the answers to many questions such as these eventually will have to be provided by the courts. Since the Arizona Department of Health Services does not have criminal enforcement duties, which are left to law enforcement, we do not have guidelines on issues such as what counts toward AMMA's weight and plant number limits. We have heard of law enforcement weighing all of the marijuana and counting all plants, but we do not have an official position on the issue.

Hopefully this provides some help –

Tom Salow, JD

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Actually, no, it doesn't "provide some help." That's not a criticism of Mr. Salow, but a statement indicating sympathy for both our police and for users of medical pot who are caught in this misunderstanding that's evidently built into a poorly-crafted law.

I'm unaware of any pending court cases, but I have been made aware that we're busting people and confiscating pot that they claim is "incidental" to the medical use but is still allowed by law. Evidently that claim is going to have to be resolved in court. Or, in the alternative, our creative state legislature could assign it to committee and craft some clarifying language. Until one or the other of those happens, police and medical pot users will be at odds with how the AMMA is to be interpreted.

Whisky's for Drinkin' and Water's for Fightin'

I don't know who first used that as a slogan, but it's apt for the current multi-state negotiations related to water rights, use, and supplies. I've written quite a bit about the agreements being hammered out between the Lower Basin states (Arizona, California, and Nevada) to make sure Lake Mead stays above the level that will trigger reductions in deliveries. There

are also negotiations going on at the Federal level intended to assure any water we (Arizona) leave in Lake Mead to help forestall a shortage will ultimately come to us – or at least we have some level of right of first refusal before another state can use it. Without that assurance – not only for us, but for any jurisdiction that voluntarily leaves CAP allocations in Mead – there's less of an incentive to do so.

The cooperation we've seen among the three lower basin states is largely responsible for the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) recent announcement that there won't be a shortage declared in 2017. No promises for anything after next year, though. They predict Lake Mead will end this year about 4' above the level that'll kick in the shortage. In their bi-annual report, the BOR says there's a 50% chance the reservoir will hit shortage levels in 2018. What matters is its level at the end of the calendar year.

Ted Cooke is the GM of the Central Arizona Project. The *Arizona Republic* ran an op/ed last week in which he spoke to the positive declaration for 2017 by the BOR. He makes it clear, though, that "Reclamation's projection shows that without additional conservation actions, 2018 could be the first year of shortage on the Colorado River." Our voluntary contributions to Lake Mead, along with those of California and Nevada, are why we're not seeing a shortage declared next year.

There's still about a 12' per year structural deficit in Lake Mead. I've written about the Governor's Water Augmentation Council and how the notion of adding sources of supply is that group's primary focus. It's in the name. But conservation still sits in the back seat and isn't fairly represented on the GWAC. These voluntary steps to leave water in Lake Mead are short-term stopgap measures that'll only delay the declaration of a shortage. Its conservation, but the deficit continues on the Lake.



So I'm going to wave our flag a little to show what we are doing in Tucson in the area of conservation.

You'll see three specific things unfold before the end of the year. One is allocating funding to encourage low-income participation into our water conservation programs. In particular, credit to Richard and Regina for keeping that issue moving in the right direction. Also, neighborhood-scale conservation projects are going to be funded. We're working out the details of

how project selection will take place and how the funding will be distributed, but we're close and should have that process finalized within a couple of months. Finally, the issue of how Flood Control District funds are being used is now a topic of conversation between the top administrators in the city and the county. In previous newsletters, I shared how 1995 projects were not completed, and how I have concerns over how your tax money has been allocated to fund flood and stormwater projects that haven't reflected city taxpayer contributions. That's being resolved, and I expect to soon see a new project list, with funding streams and timelines.

This M&C have been leaders in the field of water conservation. The programs we're finalizing will further show that claim to be true.

Waving a Different Flag



Coming through Tucson on October 5th and 6th is our leg of a coast-to-coast run in support of our veterans. We're a part of the route.

In total, the run will cover over 4,000 miles. The relay will begin on September 11th up in Redmond, Washington. The route ends in Tampa, Florida.

The organizers are looking for volunteers, runners, and businesses to help by supporting the crew on the evening of the 5th with meals. I'll be hosting an organizing meeting later this week and we'll put some of the logistics into place.



If you take part as a runner, you'll go from one to five miles, and you move at your own pace. "Running" is a relative term – you're allowed to walk the flag, too. They'll move from sunrise to sunset every day. If you'd like to get involved please contact the group at: <http://oldgloryrelay.org/>. You can find registration information at that site. And I'll have more specifics on activities that will take place during their Tucson stay that I will share in next

week's newsletter. It's a great cause – remember the "Never Forget" 9/11 spirit? This group is walking that out in support of vets.

Another Never Forget Moment

This Friday the Jewish History Museum is beginning its Gallery Chat series. Each event will focus on a line from scripture that speaks to the central mission and spirit surrounding the work they do down at the museum. This week the theme comes from the 16th Chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy. In that book, Moses gives three different sermons to the Israelites. Throughout, the theme is justice. This line frames this week's Gallery chat: "Justice, justice you shall pursue." The line is engraved in the Holocaust History Center.

These "chats" are brief – scheduled for less than 30 minutes. They'll take place every other Friday between the 2nd, and the end of May, 2017. Everyone who attends will get a buy one/get one free lunch ticket from 5 Points Market and Café Desta.

The museum is located at 564 S. Stone. Everybody is welcome to these events.

INAUGURAL GALLERY CHAT

Join us to kickoff the 2016-2017 Epic Season at the Jewish History Museum with Cantor Avi Alpert of Congregation Bet Shalom.

Friday, Sept. 2
11:30 am
Free

2016-2017 EPIC SEASON

JUSTICE, JUSTICE
YOU SHALL PURSUE
[Deuteronomy 16:20]



*All Gallery Chat attendees receive a buy one get one free lunch at 5 Points Market or Café Desta valid on the day of the Chat.



Local First ARIZONA

The Coronet

Right at the top of the 4th Avenue underpass in Ironhorse neighborhood is a really cool, remodeled lounge/restaurant that includes outdoor seating. The

Coronet advertises “old world cuisine,” but captured within that is a combination of French, Mediterranean, American, and vegetarian dishes, plus creative desserts.



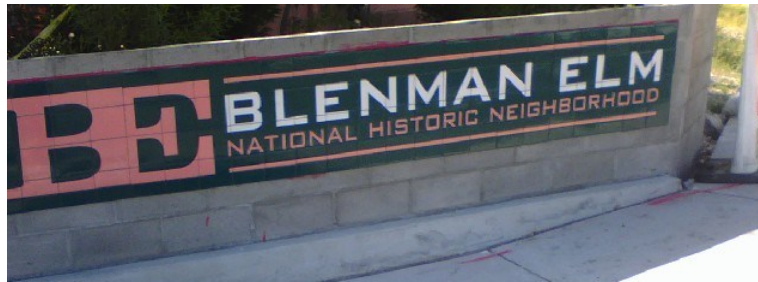
The Coronet is immediately adjacent to a streetcar stop, so you can get there in minutes from any place along the Sun Link line.

Hours are 4:00 pm until 2:00 am. You can reach them at 222.9889. The menu is loaded into the website at www.cafecoronet.com.

This is just one of many eating places you’ll find along The Avenue.

Two Thank Yous

In closing, two thank you notes to some special people in the community.



First, this image is the work-in-progress that Banner UMC is funding in support of adjacent neighborhoods in Ward 6. Both Blenman-Elm and Catalina Vista may feel the effects of increased cut-through traffic as a result of

the realignment of the BUMC entry. In order to help send the message to those who may not be familiar with the area, Banner is funding these neighborhood monument signs. The one for Catalina Vista is up the road from this sign that’s located on Campbell and Elm. Many thanks to the Banner administration for taking part in this work.

Tom Volgy Underpass



A few months ago, the M&C voted unanimously to recognize the work of former Mayor and Council Member Tom Volgy. The Warren Underpass will be renamed the Tom Volgy Underpass.

I was originally skeptical that naming an underpass for somebody who has given so much to the community was akin to being damned by faint praise. But in fact the gesture is being well received, and is symbolic of the larger effort Tom put forward during his time on the council working to make Speedway around campus more ped/bike friendly. The underpass is an example of that goal.

The naming event will take place on Saturday, September 10th at 2:30pm. There will be a plaque unveiling as well as some short congratulatory speeches. Some light snacks will be

served.

Please join us underneath Speedway for this long-in-coming and well-deserved recognition.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
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Events and Entertainment

Tucson Pops Orchestra – Music Under the Stars Fall Season

DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, Reid Park | 7 pm

Sunday, September 11, 2016: Maestro Laszlo Veres and members of the orchestra will dedicate this concert to the memory of 9/11, to those who were lost and those who survived fifteen years ago, and those who have since, helped us move forward from tragedy to hope.

Sunday, September 18, 2016: Featuring one of Tucson's favorite entertainers George Howard, and the George Howard Band, performing with the Tucson Pops for the first time.

Sunday, September 25, 2016: In honor of long time Tucson Pops sponsor Long Realty on the occasion of their 90th anniversary.

There is limited seating at DeMeester which fills up quickly. Please bring folding chairs or a blanket. Parks and Recreation runs shuttles from 5 PM to 10 PM from Randolph Golf Course Parking Lot at 600 S. Alvernon Way. Look for the weekly "Food Truck Roundup" at each Pops Concerts. More information at tucsonpops.org.

The Lumies: Noche de las Artes

Friday, September 16, 2016 | Doors: 6 pm; Show: 7 pm

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

This year, the Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona is excited to present the Lumies in an entirely new light: Noche de las Artes is a night to join people from throughout Southern Arizona to collectively acknowledge the arts and their impact in our region's culture and heritage. Enjoy performances from local artists and musicians while also learning about some of the positive changes to the arts and culture landscape in the coming year. Light appetizers will be provided by Agustin Kitchen, Coronet, Hub, Reilly Craft Pizza, and Maynards/Cup Cafe. Buy your tickets [here](#).

Ongoing

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave | www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). A non-profit educational organization demonstrating the region's rich agricultural history by growing the heritage crops that represent the more than 4000 years of cultivation in the Tucson Basin. Open Saturdays: April through November 8 am to 12 pm and December through March 10 am to 2 pm. For guided tours call [520-777-9270](tel:520-777-9270).

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org